

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, February 14, 2005

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez David Marcotte
Kurt Schatz Albert Musso Niki DeCubellis
Alice Lavigne Al Low Nancy Binns-Town Council Liaison**

Guest: Helen and Louis Lopez, Bruce Pilling, Representative Edward Pacheco and Joyce Wolfe

Absent: -----

Excused: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the Burrillville Town Hall.

Good and Welfare:

Kurt Schatz presented Joyce Wolfe a plaque in appreciation of her many years of service to the Recreation Commission.

Kurt Schatz presented to Juliette Lopez and family the Burrillville Town Council Proclamation dated January 4, 2004 recognizing Louis

Lopez, Juliette Lopez's deceased husband, for his dedication to the Parks and Recreation Department and as a friend to the Town of Burrillville community.

State of Rhode Island Representative and former School Committee Member Ed Pacheco also recognized the late Louis Lopez and the entire Lopez family for their dedication and contribution to the Town of Burrillville.

A recess was called by Kurt Schatz for the members and guests to share a few refreshments.

Kurt Schatz read the letter of thanks received from the Lopez family for the flower arrangements and the commission's thoughts and prayers in sympathy of the loss of Louis Lopez.

Juliette Lopez announced that former Town Council member Louis Bleiweis is in Overlook Nursing Home with a card to be sent from the Recreation Commission.

Minutes of December 13, 2004 and January 10, 2005 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by David Marcotte. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Motion passed 7-0.

Old Business:

Spring Lake Beach

The Director stated that as soon as the weather breaks the contractor will be contacted to begin the construction of the new Spring Lake Campground.

2005 League Budget Requests

A meeting of the Recreation Commission Subcommittee regarding League Budgets is scheduled this evening immediately following the Recreation Commission meeting.

Hauser Field/Branch River Project

The Director reported that engineering plans demonstrating the landscaping design recommendations including trellises and shrubs along the side of the restroom building at Hauser Field at an approximate cost of \$8,000 as part of the Capital Improvement Budget Requests to address the concerns of the Simpson Family who are abutting property owners. Color copies of the plan were given for distribution to both the Budget Board and the Town Council. There is also a possibility of funding this proposal if there are any excess monies remaining after the completion of the Hauser Field/Branch River project. A Bobcat is being requested through the Department of Public Works for use in constructing the walking path at Hauser

Field and for numerous future projects.

David Marcotte asked the status on eliminating the parking lot dust problem at Hauser Field. The Director reported that funding has been allotted if the need is determined for resurfacing to eliminate the dust problem. The decision will not be made until after the upcoming season since the surfacing material is now more hard packed than in the past and should be sufficient to eliminate the dust problem. Paving could cause future problems with speeding and Department of Environment concerns. Kurt Schatz suggested the possibility of utilizing recycled crushed asphalt.

BEC Update

Nancy Binns has asked for reconsideration of the vote taken by the Town Council concerning the structure of Burrillville Extended Care. This reconsideration will be part of a Town Council workshop.

The State of Rhode Island Assessment was reviewed at the last B.O.S.A.P. meeting. The representative reviewing the Assessment noted that the Town Council should hear the results before holding the BEC reconsideration workshop because everything the Parks and Recreation Department is doing is what the assessment has determined is needed within the town. To date, the BEC reconsideration workshop date was not determined.

The Director forwarded information to the Senior Citizen Association regarding the Town of Glocester meeting with the Burrillville Senior Citizen Association to discuss the possibly making the proposed Glocester Senior Citizen Center a regional facility versus just for the Town of Glocester alone. Town Planner Tom Kravitz is also looking into putting some type of meeting facility as part of the new Stillwater Mill project. It was recommended by the Town Council that Cheri Hall, Director of Parks and Recreation, be part of the planning process for a Senior Center but no contact has been made to date.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on March 19, 2005 at Branch River Park. The Recreation Commission was invited to assist with the event if they wanted. Volunteers to help prepare for the hunt usually arrive at 9:30 a.m.

Block Booking

The Director reviewed the current bookings at both Spring Lake Beach and the Town Common with approximately fifteen request for funding letters have been mailed to local business to sponsor a concert. It was suggested that donations could be sought at each concert if necessary.

Relay for Life

A Relay for Life meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 15th at the Millhouse Restaurant with Recreation Commission member Juliette Lopez volunteering to attend to show support. The Director voiced her concerns regarding the poor planning process to date and the lack of board being established.

Family Fair

Historically, the Family Fair was a B.O.S.A.P. event but over the past few years the program has fallen into the hands of the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Department. The Director has requested the event be put back under the direction of B.O.S.A.P. with the Parks and Recreation Department handling the entertainment, balloons, giveaways but they would take of set up, vendors etc.

A Family Fair meeting was to be scheduled in January by B.O.S.A.P. but never took place. A regular monthly B.O.S.A.P. meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, February 17, 2005 and a meeting schedule will be discussed as well as B.O.S.A.P.'S involvement.

The Director distributed to the commission members an updated Recreation Commission list and February monthly calendars.

BEC Toddler Playgroup

On Tuesday and Thursday Burrillville Extended will be offering a new

toddler playgroup program at the Burrillville Extended Care Steere Farm site beginning March 1, 2005.

NYSCA

Al Low asked about coaches training. Training will take place either March 23rd or March 30th for both baseball and softball coaches.

Skateboard Park

Kurt Schatz asked for an update on the skateboard park. The Director stated a letter was received from the Department of Environmental Management stating the application has been received and assigned a number and will take approximately 6 weeks for processing. Scott Rabideau of Natural Resources stated there shouldn't be a problem.

Football Field

David Marcotte asked for an update on the football field. The Director stated the permit from the Department of Environmental Management was received with work to start as soon the weather breaks. A second look for the new Baseball field behind the Police Station is being looked at since funding through the state might be coming up again.

Christovao Property

The project is still in the engineering planning stage and would possibly allow for the establishment of more recreational facilities. A portion of the property might possibly be utilized as a water source also.

New Business:

Meeting time discussion regarding the 6:30 p.m. start time. It was determined to keep the 6:30 p.m. start time.

The Director made note of the good behavior Juliette Lopez's two children, Helen and Louis during the entire meeting and thanked them for coming.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Al Low.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Motion Passed 7-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 14th, 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.

Workshop of the Subcommittee regarding League Budgets was postponed to March meeting.

